



Berkeley Energy Commission

BERKELEY ENERGY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2000

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Siegel at 5:40 PM.

Present: Bachrach, Cain, Denver, Siegel and Williamson

Absent: Ode

Staff: Neal De Snoo

Guest: Rebecca Hansen

2. Public Comments

Commissioner Siegel reported that there was a Stage 1 Emergency (electricity) on November 1. This was apparently due to some capacity being down for maintenance.

Commissioner Siegel also reported that there is a gas capacity shortage. Staff at PG&E is considering trucking gas into constrained areas. He said that the Commission might want to watch this situation.

3. Report on Solid Waste Management Commission, Public Works Commission, Transportation Commission and Citizens Environmental Advisory Commission (CEAC)

No reports.

4. Report on Low Income Programs

Staff reported that PG&E has issued RFPs for administration and implementation of the Energy Partners program. The City may not be able to bid directly on the program but may be able to participate as a subcontractor.

Staff reported that the State has released an additional \$75,000 in LIHEAP Emergency Contingency funds for low-income services.

5. Report on CECO and RECO

Staff reported that it has contracted with CESC to collect data on the impacts of CECO.

Staff reported that administration of RECO will be moved to the Housing Department.

6. Presentation and Discussion of Draft Policy Statement and Implementation Plans

No report.

7. Report on Renewable Energy

Staff reported that it is meeting with the Budget Director this week to discuss the concept of bidding for electric power services.

8. Report on Residential Energy Consumption

No report.

9. Report on Educational Activities  
Commissioner Denver is waiting for response from Commissioners Cain, Ode and Williamson.
10. Discussion of Community Choice (community aggregation of electricity customers)  
No report.
11. Recruitment of Commissioners to Fill Vacancies  
Commissioners plan to recruit new members. Staff will prepare a description of the Commission for distribution.

#### ACTION ITEMS

12. Discussion of Expiration of the Electricity Ratecap  
Staff presented a draft report regarding electric rates. Staff recommended that no decision be made at this time since PG&E is planning to release a plan next week and the FERC is conducting hearings on the subject. There was a discussion about the conflicting need of protecting consumers from the current crisis versus the need to complete the transition to a competitive market, particularly with respect to the retail sector. Staff will revise the report for the next meeting.
13. Approval of Minutes of September 25  
The minutes of September 25 passed (MSC: JC, DW, 4-0-1, AD abstained)
14. Items for Next Month's Agenda  
Presentation and Discussion of Draft Policy Statement and Implementation Plans was removed from the agenda.  
Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Resolution Regarding Separation from CESC was added to the agenda.
15. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM (MSC: JC, JS, 4-0-1, AD absent).